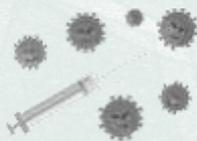


Marking One Year: Hope During a Pandemic

It is hard to believe that exactly one year ago, in March, we started to feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic under our roof. I do not think any of us will forget those early days of fear, shutdowns and isolation. Through all of the challenges this last year brought, we have also seen incredible resilience and flexibility from residents, compassion and dedication from team members and trust and understanding from families and community.

We feel very fortunate that less than one year after this pandemic surfaced in our community, we were able to rejoice in receiving our COVID-19 vaccinations in January and February. We know this fight is not over, but we are grateful to see the light at the end of the tunnel and have hope for the future ahead.



Mission

*The mission of Presbyterian Homes & Services is to honor God by enriching the lives **and** touching the hearts of older adults.*

Vision

To provide more choices and opportunities for more older adults to live well.

Values

Christian Culture
Ready & Engaged People
Operational Integrity
Service Excellence
Stewardship



SUMMERWOOD OF CHANHASSEN

PHS Foundation News

Are You Prepared for Tax Time?

Tax filing time is here again. IRS Publications 526 and 1771 on charitable contributions outline the federal tax laws for organizations like Presbyterian Homes & Services, churches and other charities that you might support. Keeping detailed records of contributions is an important practice for donors. This is a summary of some of the record-keeping requirements imposed by the IRS. As always, it is recommended that donors consult with their tax advisors for guidance.

For cash gifts. Donors must have a record or written communication from the organization for any monetary contribution showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. These are needed before donors can claim charitable contributions on their federal income tax returns. Presbyterian Homes Foundation acknowledges all gifts.

For gifts of \$250 or more. Donors must receive a gift acknowledgement that includes the organization's name and the amount of the cash contribution or a description (but not the value) of the noncash contribution. In addition, depending on the type of gift, there must be a statement that the organization provided or did not provide goods or services in exchange for the gift.

Gifts of non-cash property above \$500 and gifts of property above \$5,000. IRS Code regulations impose greater responsibilities on donors who make these types of contributions. Maintaining detailed information about the property is a must, along with completing additional IRS forms. Gifts of property of \$5,000 and greater require an independent appraisal by a subject expert.

We are here to help. If you have questions about gifts that you've made to PHS or a PHS community, please call the Presbyterian Homes Foundation at 651-631-6408 or 651-631-6418. PHS is grateful to all the donors who lift our mission and ministry through their generosity. We appreciate you!

REMINDER:

“Spring forward” to begin Daylight Saving Time on **Sunday, March 14**
Remember to move your clocks forward one hour!

Daylight Saving Time Trivia

- Often referred to as Daylight *Savings* Time (plural), the correct name is Daylight *Saving* Time (DST).
- Benjamin Franklin gets the credit for thinking of the idea.
- During World War I, Germany and Britain put themselves on Daylight Saving Time to save energy for the war effort. The U.S. followed shortly after, although it was not nationally observed again until World War II.
- In 1965, states and localities had the freedom to start and end DST whenever they pleased. Example: St. Paul began its DST two weeks before Minneapolis. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 established a standardized system of when Daylight Saving Time starts and ends in the U.S.
- Currently Hawaii and Arizona do not observe Daylight Saving Time.

SUMMERWOOD OF CHANHASSEN



As we journey through this season of Lent, in anticipation of the celebration of our Lord's resurrection, let us reflect on the impact our words have as illustrated through a poem I wrote.

- Pastor Jane Morgan

"Gracious words are a honeycomb; sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

- Proverbs 16:24

Sweeter Than Honey

To be sweet as honeycomb, words must be kind
One must think and ponder and use one's mind
For what enters our thoughts must first be refined
Only then use the mouth as God has designed

Sometimes our voice unintentionally has maligned
To God's way of love, we must then be realigned
So let us wait calmly, the right words to find
And then spring forward, with no need to rewind

But let us also never lag behind
When the need arises, may our voices not be confined
Consider how we feel when words we have pined
They are sweeter than honey on which we had dined

So, let us offer graciousness that allows one to unwind
For sweet thoughts spoken are there to remind
We walk these roads together, our paths intertwined
What we say matters, so let us be kind

Happy
Birthday!

Wishing special birthday blessings
to those celebrating in March:

Georgia Schmid, 3/1

Kathie Stott, 3/1

Elizabeth Bennett, 3/2

Masayuki Kasahara, 3/2

Marlene Lagios, 3/6

Mary Alice Robasse, 3/6

Carl Borgfelt, 3/10

Blanche Maurer, 3/10

Jim Schmid, 3/11

Mary Lu McCall, 3/12

Sue Mueller, 3/12

Dorothy Bisch, 3/13

Merle Oelke, 3/16

Chuck Fischer, 3/24

Don Tabor, 3/26

Fran Muller, 3/28



Call today for information or to schedule a personal tour, at 952-294-5534.



SummerWood of Chanhassen
525 Lake Drive
Chanhassen, MN 55317

952-294-5500

Postmaster: address correction requested



Presbyterian Homes & Services is a nonprofit organization and an equal opportunity employer serving older adults through community services, housing, and health care.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY.
ALL FAITHS WELCOME.

Activity Professionals: Bound for Glory

At Presbyterian Homes & Services (PHS), the nearly 200 activity professionals dedicated to life enrichment, recreation and volunteerism come up with ideas, large and small, to engage residents in meaningful ways, have fun, learn and connect with others.

This past year, impacted in every way by COVID-19, required creative adaptations from our activity professionals. In the midst of uncertainty and limitations, they have stepped up in remarkable ways to keep residents engaged with each other and connected to their families.

Jess Drecktrah, PHS Vice President of Life Enrichment, is passionate about elevating the profession of life enrichment in senior living. Inspired by a song by Gospel singer, Rosetta Tharpe, Jess conceived the **Bound for Glory** award, a traveling award that allows managers and peers to recognize the important work of life enrichment staff and volunteer coordinators as they create opportunities for fun and purpose for those they serve.

The trophy combines a plant, a rock (with a star painted on it), and a golden microphone. Jess explains its symbolism, “The plant represents the live nature of the work we do. The rock with the star on it represents that we are all rock stars. The golden microphone symbolizes the show. The train represents movement and the belief that we are bound for glory.” Each recipient is given the opportunity to be involved in selecting the next recipient of the traveling award – because glory is meant for sharing.

Since its launch in fall 2018, **Bound for Glory** has been awarded to 12 PHS employees. We thank these recipients, along with all the Life Enrichment professionals at PHS. They are the heart and spirit of our communities and fulfill our mission “to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults.” The important part says Jess, “is that everything points back to the glory of God through the call of service.”

Contact your site leader if you wish to suggest the name of a PHS activity professional who you feel is “Bound for Glory.”